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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-18-55

WEATHER The week was considerably warmer in the eastern portion of the State, but temperatures average near or slightly below normal in the west, where rather cold weather prevailed during the first half. Heavy snow fell over the Panhandle Monday and Tuesday, and moderate to heavy rains in the southwest and southeast. Rains were only moderate in the south-central portion of the State, while the north-central and northeast received only very light rains. Most of the rain fell slowly enough to penetrate into the ground. The snow drifted some over the Panhandle, but it is believed that most of it remained on the fields.

CROPS The winter wheat outlook is much better since the rains of the past week. With few exceptions, precipitation with some snow was quite substantial in most of the Panhandle and southwestern counties. While rain occurred throughout the wheat belt, it was generally lighter than in western Nebraska except in the extreme southeastern part of the State. The crop has made good progress with only a few counties indicating material abandonment.

About 89% of the oats were seeded by the close of the past week. Early planted oats are up. More rain is needed for oats in northeastern Nebraska. About 80% of the barley has been planted. Dry weather delayed planting somewhat in western Nebraska where the bulk of the barley is grown.

Planting of sugar beets is progressing in western Nebraska. Some land has been contracted for safflower. There was some comment that the reduced support price for dry edible beans may result in a reduced acreage. The bulk of the potato crop was marketed at very unsatisfactory prices. In view of the lowered prices, farmers may shift to more corn which produced very good yields last year.

Alfalfa is a little slow this spring due to cool and dry weather. The wild hay area needs warm spring rains to start the grass. Pasture growth is a little slow except for tame grass pasture in southeastern Nebraska.

LIVESTOCK Some shortage of feed for cattle was reported in extreme northwestern Nebraska. Calving is generally well along with some losses from low temperatures early this spring. There were 10% more cattle on feed on April 1 than a year ago. More cattle were held for later feeding than usual. Reports on the spring pig crop have generally been favorable.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1955

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island .74	Barwell .10	Chadron 1.16
Lincoln .89	North Platte .75	Imperial .80
Norfolk .05	Valentine .02	Scottsbluff 1.07
Omaha .16		Sidney 1.80
Sioux City .12		

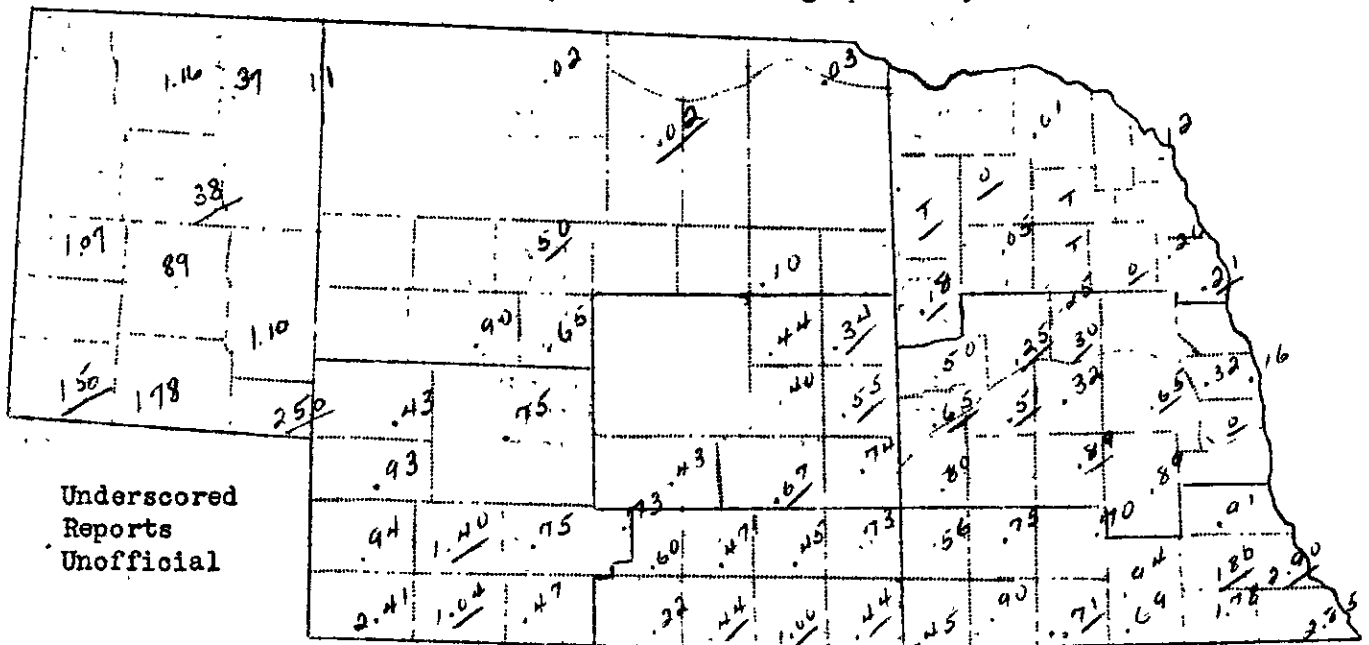
Precipitation, April 1-15, 1955

	Eastern Div.	Central Div.	Western Div.
Total past week	.62	.23	1.00
Total since April 1	.67	.24	1.14
Normal since April 1	1.27	1.18	1.00

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# Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 15, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		April													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	..	42	24	58	30	70	35	60	28	67	..	..	39
	Scottsbluff	48	32	37	17	47	25	62	32	65	31	66	42	69	38
	Sidney	58	31	35	22	45	28	69	33	71	30	65	40	74	40
N-C	Burwell	69	44	54	40	64	30	72	44	80	40	71	39	78	47
	Valentine	63	43	46	31	61	30	72	48	65	31	69	53	74	55
NE	Norfolk	71	46	56	41	66	34	71	41	78	45	70	42	79	59
	Sioux City	70	48	62	44	68	37	72	43	79	48	72	45	77	59
Cen.	Grand Island	69	48	53	43	63	34	69	34	78	45	70	48	77	52
E-C	Lincoln	69	49	56	48	64	39	70	50	81	50	73	48	78	65
	Omaha	67	48	55	46	65	40	70	47	76	48	72	47	78	58
SW	Imperial	65	40	45	34	59	31	70	33	78	37	69	40	74	39
	North Platte	68	44	53	36	61	30	72	41	78	38	70	42	76	45

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